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EARNING HIS WINGS

Sixteen days into his term as President, Barack Obama boarded Air Force One for the first time as the U.S.'s commander in chief. His destination: Williamsburg, to speak before the House Democratic Caucus during the Caucus's annual retreat at Kingsmill Resort, located approximately four miles south of the College of William and Mary. Obama touched down at approximately 6:38 p.m. and traveled to Kingsmill by motorcade.

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THE THREE-PERSON RULE

City official suggested neighbors watch cars

SA members consider lawsuit against prof they say spied on student renters

By **SAM SUTTON**
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

The city's lawsuit against the residents of 711 Richmond Rd. has developed into a flash point for local politics at the College of William and Mary, and it now appears a city official suggested that neighbors monitor student vehicles to determine whether the students were violating the three-person rule, which bars more than three unrelated people from living together in a Williamsburg home.

In a letter addressed to city Zoning Administrator Rodney Rhodes from the complainants, whose names were redacted in documents obtained by The Flat Hat, it is apparent that the complainants acted upon the suggestion of Rhodes — and used methods based upon his recommendation — to determine the number of students residing in the homes at 711 Richmond Rd. and 206 Nelson Ave.

"It seems like he told her to do this," Student Assembly Sen. Matt Beato said. "Had no one from the city been involved, it probably would have had no effects on the discussion. However, the fact that an official is involved ... will affect discussions."

Rhodes could not be reached for comment last night.

The letter explains how the residents kept track of the cars and includes a detailed log of the cars' makes, models, and license plates, as well as the dates and times at which the cars were parked in and around the Richmond Road residence.

It is clear that the complainant was monitoring the students' cars daily.

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A TRIBESMAN REMEMBERED: JOHN MICHAEL FINN

A multifaceted life

By **MAGGIE REEB**
Flat Hat Assoc. News Editor

Professor, poet, veteran, family man and friend are all words that describe John Michael Finn.

The College of William and Mary physics professor died of a heart attack Saturday at the age of 63.

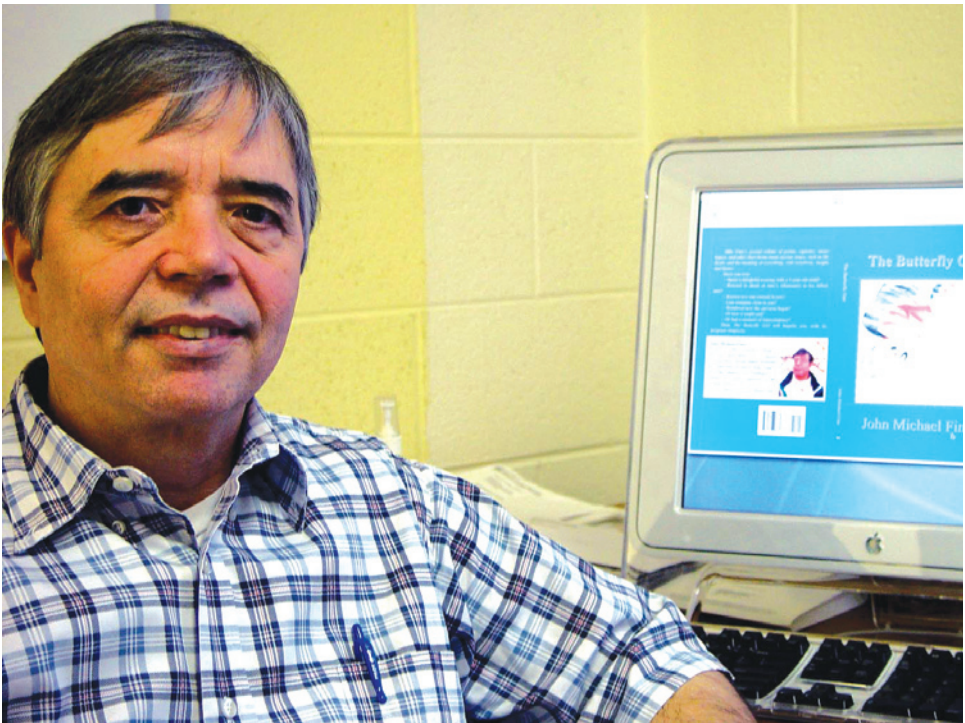
He had called in sick Friday, complaining of a stomachache, then early Saturday morning he collapsed and passed away in his wife's arms.

Finn led a multifaceted life, exploring the nature of the world through the seemingly polar opposite lenses of nuclear physics and poetry. He gave his time to instill knowledge in his students and sacrificed part of his young life to serve the United States in the Vietnam War.

"Mike Finn was a passionate and optimistic person," said physics professor David Armstrong, who worked with Finn in the Hadronic Physics Group. "He had a passion for science: tackling the hard problems; trying to understand the nature of the universe. ... He was passionate about his country. He was passionate about his family, bragging about his children at any opportunity. He was passionate about his friendships and his beliefs. Nothing was partial with Finn."

The Hadronic Physics Group is composed of four College

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A Physicist and a Poet

A renowned physicist, Mike Finn was also a talented poet. He wrote hundreds of pieces about his tour of duty in Vietnam, physics and the nature of existence. This poem, and those printed inside, are reproduced with the permission of his wife.

Untitled

The magnolia outside my office window
is a southern lady,
adorned with white flowers
and glossy green leaves,
softly sashaying
against a dazzling backdrop of sky.

And I? Am I not a prisoner
in a cell of my own making,
little more than a voyeur,
shrouded in shadow,
held by a sense of responsibility;
pulled between the needs of heaven and earth?

Funeral Arrangements

Viewing and visitation will be at Bucktrout Funeral Home Sunday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at St. Olaf's Catholic Church in Norge, Va.

Memorial donations to an education fund for Finn's younger children and grandchildren can be sent to 133 Little John Rd., Williamsburg, Va.

COURTESY PHOTO — UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
College of William and Mary physics professor Mike Finn, shown here in 2003, was prolific in both scientific journals — he authored over 90 articles — and in literature, as he wrote one memoir and two volumes of poetry.

NEWS INSIGHT

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Weather

Friday



High 50°
Low 29°

Saturday



High 62°
Low 41°

Sunday



High 67°
Low 37°

Source: www.weather.com

Quote of the Week

“He told me that studying those
horribly hard physics books
over there kept him sane.”

— Physics Professor David Armstrong about the late physics
professor John Finn’s experience during the Vietnam War.

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News in Brief

Mims ’79 to be state’s top lawyer

Bill Mims ’79 has been recommended by Attorney General Bob McDonnell to be McDonnell’s replacement in Richmond. McDonnell announced Feb. 3 that he was resigning from his position in order to run for governor. Mims has served as McDonnell’s chief deputy for the past three years.

Mims majored in history at the College of William and Mary, where he also served as president of the student body.

University Relations launches Twitter

The College of William and Mary’s Office of University Relations recently launched a Twitter feed, available at www.twitter.com/WMNNews.

Twitter is a social-networking site on which members can post short entries of 140 characters or less, known as “tweets.” University Relations will publish stories written by its staff, along with headlines from selected external news stories that feature the College. The feed will also give followers the occasional news scoop on upcoming events or announcements and provide tweets on items such as expected television media coverage or upcoming national exposure.

CW tourism down in 2008

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation says paid admission to the historic area decreased 9 percent last year, according to the Daily Press. It sold 707,000 tickets in 2008, down from 780,000 tickets the year before. Entrance to the area is free, but admission tickets are needed for access to certain buildings.

The Foundation says it estimates nearly 1.3 million visited the area last year, compared to 1.5 million the year before. However, donations exceeded \$42 million in 2008, a 2 percent increase from 2007 and the highest in years. Donations include both cash and artifacts.

— by Bertel King, Jr.

Online-Only Content

STUDENT ASSEMBLY BULLETIN

SA subscribes College to newspapers

by Russ Zerbo

On the bright side, this week’s Student Assembly meeting was only a little over an hour long, as the general ambivalence of our representatives propelled the meeting to a speedy conclusion.

THE PRESS BOX

Analysis of the Tribe football class of 2009

by Matt Poms

With the College’s 2009 signing class now official, Head Coach Jimmye Laycock and his staff have assembled a strong group of players who will serve as a quality supporting cast in the years to come. Laycock’s 10-member class is consistent with the program’s targeted goal and will be supplemented by 12-14 invited walk-ons.

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BEYOND THE ’BURG



COURTESY PHOTO — WWW.STATEUNIVERSITY.COM

The Haebler Memorial Chapel at Goucher College. The college president suspended a visiting professor.

Rwandan professor suspended

Officials investigate claims of 1994 genocide involvement

By AMEYA JAMMI

Flat Hat Insight Editor

A visiting professor at Goucher College in Maryland has been suspended from teaching while officials investigate claims of his involvement in the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Goucher College President Sanford Ungar informed students and faculty in an e-mail that Leopold Munyakazi, a French professor from Rwanda, was removed because of the seriousness of the allegations.

“Evidence that would either convict or exonerate Dr. Munyakazi beyond a reasonable doubt simply does not exist at this time,” Ungar said in the e-mail, according to the Baltimore Sun.

Munyakazi, a linguistics professor at the National University of Rwanda until 1992, has been charged with leading Hutu militia to Tutsis in hiding. He allegedly ordered officers inspecting roadblocks to check travelers’ identification and kill those who were Tutsis.

“I never did this,” Munyakazi said to the Baltimore Sun, explaining that he had criticized the Hutu government before the genocide. “I myself was targeted by militias. How could I collaborate with people who were hunting me?”

Munyakazi also told the Associated Press that

he was persecuted for protecting his wife, who is a Tutsi.

Munyakazi was imprisoned for five years without charge. According to Andrew Tusabe, the second counselor at the Rwandan Embassy in Washington, D.C., Munyakazi was released in 1999 because of his age and profession. Munyakazi came to the United States for a seminar and returned home.

Alison Des Forges, a senior adviser at the Human Rights Watch, told The Washington Post that it was unusual for someone accused of genocide to obtain a passport and leave his home country freely, as Munyakazi did.

Munyakazi was indicted for involvement in the genocide in 2006, 12 years after the genocide and one month after making a controversial speech at the University of Delaware in which he questioned Rwanda’s official account of the massacre.

Ungar had been unaware of Munyakazi’s indictment, until he was approached in December by an NBC news producer doing a segment on war criminals.

“I am used to the persecution of the Rwandan government,” Munyakazi, who has documents from prosecutors, judges and village members supporting his innocence, said to the AP. “There’s no justice.”

This Week in Flat Hat History

1927

The fraternity Alpha Tau Epsilon and the sorority Alpha Beta Chi both were granted charters within two days of each other by the Lambda Chi Alpha National Fraternity and the Alpha Chi Omega National Sorority, respectively.

1939

The General Motors Circus of Science held a free exposition for students and residents, showcasing six tons of the latest scientific technology that would later be showcased at the New York World’s Fair.

1971

A junior from Hong Kong was given a “suspended suspension” after her building’s housemother found her in her room with a member of the opposite sex when it was not visiting hours. Ivy Ma was not completely suspended because that would invalidate her visa. Fran Jones, another female student who was tried for the same charge earlier, only received an oral reprimand.

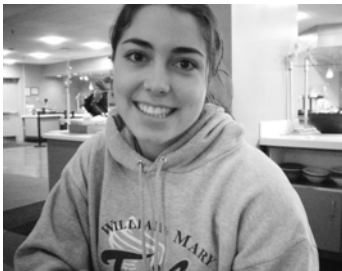
1996

Two former Tribe baseball players sued baseball coach Jim Farr for racism, anti-Semitism and abuse, and the College of William and Mary for negligence. Noah Shapiro and Peter Stern, both Jewish, claimed that Farr discriminated against Jews and blacks and that Farr struck Stern on one occasion, causing a black eye.

—by Ameya Jammi

STREET BEAT

How do you feel about the Sex Workers’ Art Show returning?



“It brought a lot of controversy last year, so maybe it will be seen in a better light this year.”

Lynnne Bresnahan ’12



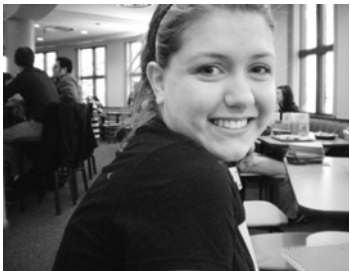
“I don’t really care about it.”

Austin Raynor ’10



“It’s expressing true liberal arts values.”

Reeves Garnett ’12



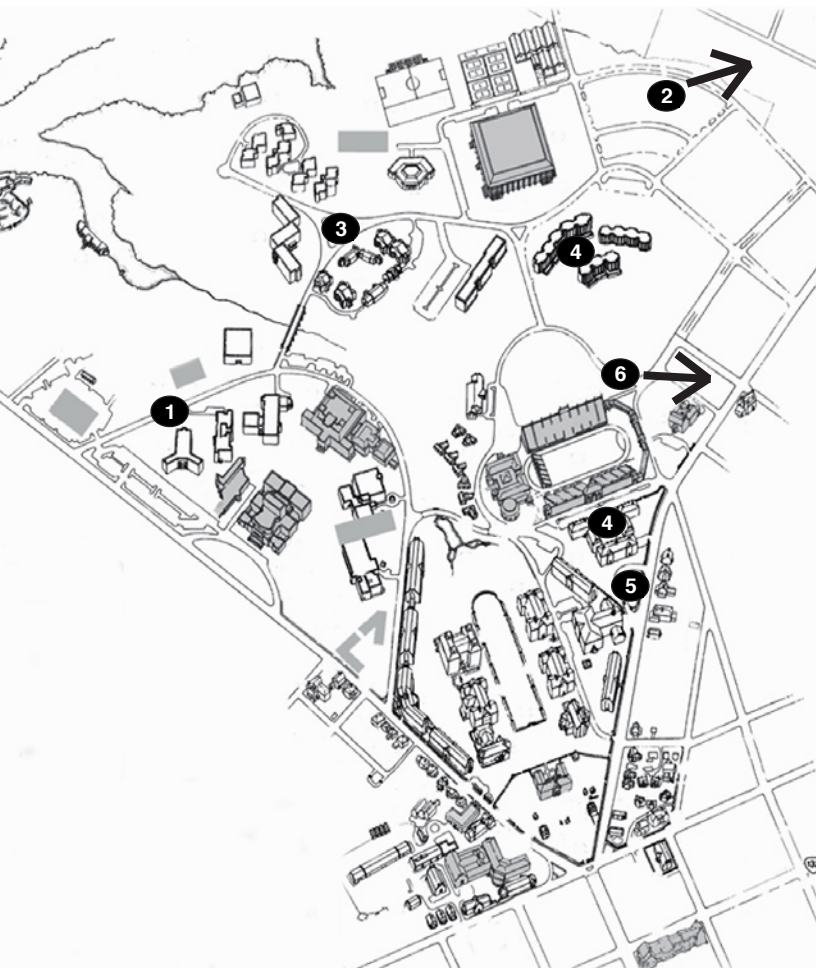
“College is about experiencing and observing new things, and every part of the discussion is welcome.”

Catherine York ’12

— photos and interviews by Bertel King, Jr.

CAMPUS POLICE BEAT

Jan. 27 to Feb. 1



Tuesday, Jan. 27 — An individual reported stolen money on the 200 block of Ukrop Way. The estimated amount is \$95. **1**

Wednesday, Jan. 28 — An individual was arrested on the 200 block of Matoaka Ct. for allegedly driving under the influence. **2**

Friday, Jan. 30 — An individual reported a stolen gas cap on the 100 block of Wake Dr. The estimated value is \$20. **3**

Saturday, Jan. 31 — An individual reported an incident of assault at the Bryan Complex. **4**

Sunday, Feb. 1 — An individual was arrested at Dawson Circle for allegedly being drunk in public and for underage possession of alcohol. **5**

— An individual reported a vandalized vehicle on Harrison Ave. The estimated damage is \$100. **6**

— An individual reported a stolen iPod Nano and charger on the 200 block of Campus Dr. The estimated value is \$50. **1**

— compiled by Bertel King, Jr.



STEPHEN SALPUKAS — THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY
Virginia Commonwealth University President Eugene Trani and College President Taylor Reveley made the partnership official Jan. 26. Behind them is the College's Center for Conservation Biology founder Mitchell Byrd.

College, VCU team up on environmental research

By KARA STARR
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The College of William and Mary is joining forces with Virginia Commonwealth University to advance the institutions' respective expertises in the environmental sciences by forming a conservation biology partnership.

The collaboration involves the College's Center for Conservation Biology, which focuses on biology and computational modeling programs, and VCU's Rice Center for Environmental Life Studies, the strengths of which include ecology and environmental science programs, as well as ecological genomics and conservation medicine.

Bryan Watts of the College's Center for Conservation Biology Bryan Watts said the collaboration is primarily for joint faculty research but will provide some opportunities for

The Rice Center, located about halfway between the two institutions in Charles City County, will serve as the location for the new research institution. The College of William and Mary/Virginia Commonwealth University Center for Conservation Biology at the VCU Rice Center.

The new Center is funded completely by donor and name-sake Inger Rice. Currently, research, as now, will receive funding from outside sources like state funding and grants.

The VCU Rice Center is certified by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and contains several lecture halls, laboratories, a conference room and administrative offices, in addition to an outdoor pavilion that can be used as a classroom. It was built on an ecology-rich parcel of land donated by Rice in 2000.

A research pier on the nearby James River can be used as a riverside entryway to the building. VCU and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries dock their boats in the facility,

which has a holding capacity of six boats. An attached floating platform dock can accommodate visiting boats and allow the loading and unloading of research equipment.

The Center for Conservation Biology was founded in 1991 by Watts and biology professor Mitchell Byrd, both leaders in the field of wildlife conservation. The Center's primary research focuses on the preservation and sustainability of bird populations in the western hemisphere.

The Center was awarded the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Recovery Champion Award in 2007 in honor of their continuing research on bird conservation, which specialized in the recovery of the bald eagles.

"The role of the Center for Conservation Biology in the broader conservation community is to provide information and expertise on bird populations," Watts said. "We are one of the larger producers and providers of such information. Our information is used daily to inform the purchase of conservation lands, to draft environmental policy, and by regulatory agencies to manage resources."

Watts believes that the collaboration will enrich the quality of research at both institutions.

"Conservation problems are complex, and to address them in a holistic way requires many diverse disciplines like ecology, economics [and] sociology. For this reason, we often work with partners where we can marry their expertise with ours to gain synergistic benefits," he said referring to the dovetailed expertise between the two groups.

This is not the first collaborative effort between the two institutions. In 2008, the

VCU- College of William and Mary Health Policy and Law Initiative was established to bring together VCU and College faculty members to switch conduct research and offer joint-degree programs, with focusing on topical problems in health policy and bioethics.

"Research increasingly involves collaboration between individuals and between departments," College President Taylor Reveley said at a signing ceremony Jan. 26. "Indeed, some of the newest and strongest collaborations will be between universities."

Previous unofficial collaborative research efforts between the College and VCU have been building up to this merger for some time.

"We have worked with some researchers in the biology and environmental science program there for some years," Watts said. "VCU is working to build the Rice Center, and the Center for Conservation Biology seems to be a fit there. We believe that we will be able to help them build their programs there, ultimately being more effective in research and hopefully providing more opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to work on research problems with us."

Watts believes the two institutions can expect more successful, comprehensive research from the most recent union.

"These partnerships don't just increase the resolution of the scene," he said, "they broaden the view."

Senate buys newspapers, lodges protest with GA

Battaglia '12 quits to join a cappella group, Olszewski '12 to replace him

By MASON WATSON
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Student Assembly senate approved a bill Tuesday that will bring The New York Times, USA Today, and the Daily Press to students campus-wide.

The Collegiate Readership Act, sponsored by Sens. Michael Douglass '11 and Ryan Eickel '10, will make the College of William and Mary the program host for a trial period beginning Feb. 24. The program offers universities free access to a selection of daily newspapers for a short trial period, and the success of the program at the College will be judged at a referendum on March 26.

The bill received a generally favorable response from the senate. However, Sen. Brittany Fallon '11 expressed concern that the SA would be obligated to pay for the full program, noting that the representative from the National Collegiate Readership Program said, "If the results [of the referendum] were positive, you were kind of expected to sign a contract."

Douglass responded that the SA would not be required to adopt the program, though the SA should be responsive to student opinion.

"If this passes, I expect the senate to carry out the will of the student body," Douglass said.

The bill passed 20-1-0, with Fallon dissenting.

The senate also considered the Opposition to Decreasing the Quality of the College Act, sponsored by Sen. Matt Beato '09 and 10 other senators.

The bill is a reaction to recent legislation in the Virginia General Assembly that would raise the required percentage of in-state students at Virginia public universities — in particular, the bill proposed by Del. David B. Albo (R-Fairfax) which would set the level at 80 percent.

Beato observed the passage of the bill in the House Subcommittee on Higher Education and stated that the bill was carried by a partisan vote.

"All the Republicans were quite supportive of the bill, and the Democrats were quite against it," he said. "I would not be shocked if Delegate Albo's bill did pass the House, which I don't think would

be a very good thing."

Sen. Steven Nelson '10 was particularly enthusiastic in his support, noting that he "had actually wanted to do a bill before this stupid effort by the GA came out." This bill would have recommended decreasing the percentage of in-state students at the College. Noting that the acceptance rate for in-state students is roughly double that of out-of-state students, Nelson argued that Albo's legislation would "water down the quality of the students here and make us the next JMU."

Pinsker added that an increase in the percentage of in-state students from 68 percent to 75 percent would cost the College about \$7.5 million. Sen. Walter McClean '09 expressed some concern that senate opinion may not reflect the opinion of the student body because the senate is disproportionately compromised out-of-state students — 13 of the 16 undergraduate senators are not from Virginia.

Beato responded that referenda are often prone to bias and that a referendum would not be feasible in this case.

The bill passed 20-1-0, with Sen. Brian Geminio M.B.A. '10 dissenting.

The Know Your Rights Act 2.5, sponsored by McClean, Nelson and Ben Brown '11, was also considered. The bill appropriates \$584 to fund the purchase of 6,000 "Know Your Rights in a Residence Hall/Know Your Rights in a Police Encounter" plastic wallet cards.

The bill was approved by unanimous consent.

The Tuesday SA meeting also saw a senate reshuffle, as Sen. Ben Battaglia '12 announced his resignation in order to join a campus a cappella group, The Gentlemen of the College

Freshman Class President Kobie Gordon '12 appointed Jill Olszewski '12, who has worked closely with the SA executive and senate. She will serve the remainder of Battaglia's term.

Andrew Gardner '12 and Beato were also nominated to the Elections Commission.

Gardner was nominated because he would "bring a fresh face to the Elections Commission," SA Vice President Kristin Slawter '09 said. Beato, who has served on the Elections Commission three times previously, explained that he wishes to use this further opportunity to document many of the technical details of the elections process.

Both nominees were approved unanimously.

On Google, all roads lead to Williamsburg

By BERTEL KING, JR.
Flat Hat Insight Editor

Colonial Williamsburg announced a partnership with Google that will send clients to CW Foundation products when they search for subjects on the

web, according to the Virginia Gazette.

For example, a search for recipes could send the browser to a CW cookbook or a search on a particular historical incident could bring up a CW publication that covers it.

The partnership allows Google to scan the text of selected books and show pages from those books when they match a user's search terms. The page will also include a link that will allow the user to buy the book.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO LIVE NEXT YEAR?



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UNIVERSITY STUDIES ABROAD CONSORTIUM

STAFF EDITORIAL

City had to sue; students have to fight

When asked how to nab students living in violation of Williamsburg’s three-person rule, Zoning Administrator Rodney Roads told residents they ought to count cars. And count they did. His advice, coupled with citizen persistence and ire, has placed the tenants of 711 Richmond Rd. in court. City attorneys have filed suit, and they show no signs of backing down. Already, they’ve subpoenaed the College of William and Mary to obtain the directory information necessary to continue. Each student found in violation could face \$3,000 in fines, though an out-of-court settlement seems more likely.

We see that outcome as a tragic inevitability under the current laws; enforcement is the city’s only proper course, but students and the College should make enforcement as difficult as possible.

Troubling as these actions are, they are not the work of a vindictive City Council or an overzealous police force. Presented with evidence that 711 was in violation of the law, city attorneys could not, and should not, have looked the other way. That the city does not actively seek out violators offers some comfort, but the current case makes clear that its officials are more than happy to facilitate their discovery. At any rate, Williamsburg attorneys cannot willfully ignore a case brought before them simply because half the city dislikes the statute that precipitated it.

Failing to enforce the three-person rule in this instance would represent a de facto invalidation, an end-run around the legislative process. And right now, as City Council members finally seem receptive to changing the ordinance — the majority of them have said they support reevaluating it — the system for doing so must retain as much legitimacy as possible.

At the same time, 711’s residents should fight this case to the best of their ability, and the Student Assembly should release money from the student defense fund to aid them in their effort. They must make enforcing a bad law as difficult as possible. That the case involves a seven-bedroom home only highlights the absurdity of the situation. Overcrowding, indeed.

The College, for its part, should make a concerted effort to maintain the privacy of student information. Because the school cannot support the entire student body in on-campus housing, it owes it to students to protect their interests. When every year sees more than 100 students bumped from the housing lottery, the College needs to go to bat for all those it kicked out of the game. Its continued silence is nothing if not an endorsement of the status quo. We will not settle for that. Students shouldn’t either.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Good old boys hurt College To the Editor:

I am sensing the “good old boy” mentality returning to the House Appropriations Committee. These are the same leaders who have cut the state of Virginia’s support for all state colleges, especially those they now want to control, for the past 20 years.

What they forget is that former leaders, such as College of William and Mary President Davis Y. Paschall, who led the school from 1960 to 1971, worked with a farsighted Virginia legislature to shape the College into what was their shared vision.

Paschall realized that Virginia’s colleges could stand with any academic institution in the world. He and the legislature of his time made this dream a reality.

President Paschall, the legislature of his time and the families of Virginia, then and now, want their best and brightest to be educated right here in Virginia and not have to travel to Boston for a top-quality education. With over 80 percent of college-aged Virginians enrolled in

Virginia’s outstanding colleges and universities, I, for one, believe the people of Virginia are getting a good value for our investments over the past years.

I expect this Committee to continue to dumb down education in Virginia with its financial axe and divisive language. There’s nothing like playing the “good old boy” paternalism game with Virginia’s parents, who are facing real challenges with jobs, income, tuition, student loans and the quality of their local schools. Soon enough, this divisive approach will be seen for what it is.

I love the College just the way it is today. Pascall and others have worked for many decades to build the College into the quality school we love, and need, in today’s Virginia. No doubt, this kind of legislation might have worked in the 1950s or in the era of divisive Karl Rove politics.

But in today’s Virginia, we the people are ready to meet a national and international challenge — a world where learning is king.

— Larry Marchant ’67



By OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Stimulus will help, but not save, College

Ed Innace

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



Nine hundred billion dollars seems like an enormous amount of money and, when a small public university has fallen on some hard times, Washington’s new stimulus package — with its aid to public education — may seem like a ray of hope. But will it actually help the College of William and Mary?

Honestly, I have no idea. This will be the most massive rush of government spending in history. Between the novelty of such a measure, the many levels of governmental bureaucracy and the inevitable misuse and corruption, I do not think we can know for sure where the money will finally end up.

However, based on the facts that I could find, my extremely limited understanding of how the government works and some basic arithmetic, I have come up with an admittedly rough estimate of what the College can expect to receive.

First of all, the most important part of the stimulus package from the College’s point of view is Title XIII, State Fiscal Stabilization Fund. This provision hands \$79 billion to the Department of Education, which will then distribute the money to states. Most of these funds — 61 percent — must go directly to education; 39 percent may be used to fund general government activity. So how much of this money will we see?

Initial estimates of state-by-state allocation show Virginia receiving \$1.6 billion over two years. Of

this, the 61 percent that will go directly to education amounts to nearly \$1 billion. To ascertain what percentage of this will go to the College itself, I multiplied it by the percent of the Virginia Department of Education’s Budget that now goes to the College (0.6 percent, if you were wondering). My estimate of the funding the College might receive is \$5.8 million.

Now, while \$5.8 million is definitely nothing to complain about, it is far from enough to compensate for the 8.6 million that has been cut from our budget in the last few months alone, to say nothing of the \$2.7 million cut in 2007. Add to this the fact that the money will be delivered over a period of two years, and our losses are reduced from \$8.6 million per year to \$5.7 million.

Any aid that public education receives from the federal government may be neutralized if the state, mandated by law to balance the budget, uses it as an excuse to slash funding even further. Plus, what will happen when the federal money dries up in 2011?

We cannot simply assume that the state will increase our funding accordingly, especially if we enter a prolonged recession. Recent years have shown the state consistently cutting the College’s budget, and there is no reason to expect this trend to reverse until Virginia’s economic situation improves significantly. These coming months, and perhaps years, will challenge the country, and the College will not be spared. Federal money or not, I believe we can expect to see a rise in tuition and budget cuts within the College itself.

There is no immediate solution, so let us not place our hopes on a magical remedy from Washington. There is little to do but suffer through and remember that this College has seen far worse.

Ed Innace is a sophomore at the College.

While \$5.8 million is nothing to complain about, it is far from the \$8.6 million that has been cut from our budget in the last few months.

Regardless of controversy, SWAS must be welcomed on campus

Kalyani Phansalkar

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



The Sex Workers’ Art Show, which vowed not to return after last year’s heavily censored performance, has been invited back to the College of William and Mary, stirring up the same old controversy. The College now has to divide its attention between two issues.

First is the question of affordability. Can we afford to further alienate the state and our alumni in the present economic situation? With the recent budget cuts, the College needs donations to sustain its many programs.

The second deals with student

ideologies: The College has to reconcile the liberal and conservative streaks present on campus without evoking an outcry from one group against the administration.

This never-ending battle between appealing one group and dismissing another poses a tough question: Is this really a good time for the SWAS to return?

Some students and members of the administration are concerned with repercussions in the public realm, whether they reverberate in the City Council or the state government.

The administration is pressured by both alumni and local politicians to revoke the invitation to avoid controversy and, in the words of Board of Visitor’s Rector Michael Powell ’85, “occupy [ourselves] with the more critical issues facing the College.”

Many believe that the College

should take a break from hosting SWAS to alleviate its already tense financial situation. But the truth is, by going against the student body’s will, the administration would go against those Jeffersonian notions College President Taylor Revely so values.

The never-ending battle between appeasing one group and dismissing another poses a tough question: Is it really a good time for the return of SWAS?

Based on this ideal, student organizations on campus are not subjected to censorship when it comes to planning events and inviting outside performers.

For example, the nudity clauses that apply to surrounding

Williamsburg-area venues don’t apply to the College campus. However, many students believe that SWAS provides genuine intellectual value that other sources of campus entertainment lack.

Reveley said the organizers and performers need to “provide means for a serious discussion about pertinent issues, conducted with intellectual rigor and civility.” Despite other shows not being held to this standard, SWAS does incite discussion about the underside of the sex industry and touches on “issues involving consumerism, war, alienation and race,” according to SWAS founder Annie Oakley. Each performer in the show shares his or her story while performing, engendering further discussion of broader issues.

For the past three years, SWAS

has sold out all its shows. This makes a clear statement about what the students want. Economic crises or adjustments to the new administration should not change student opinion toward the show. There will always be those who are averse to it and those who support it.

Those who support it should be granted the permission to do so. If the College is able to fund other entertainment events, then it must not discriminate against SWAS.

Looking back at the Nichol-BOV fiasco and all of the uncomfortable memories of last spring, I do not blame those who want a little peace this year. But, at this point, one must admit that the time is as good as any to re-invite the Sex Workers’ Art Show.

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VARIETY

Students use break to give back to community

Alternative spring break activities still available to students

By **CLAIRE ELLERY**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

It's one month from spring break, and you have no plans. You don't want to sit at home for a week, and the stereotypical trip to some college-crazed tourist destination is looking pretty cliché. Luckily, it's never too late to jump on the spring break service bandwagon. Service trips are popular at the College of William and Mary. But even though the Office of Student Volunteer Services organizes 10 spring break service trips, they can still only accommodate 78 people. This year, 45 people were shut out by the lottery system. Most organization-sponsored trips have already selected their teams, but there are still other options for the service-oriented student.

UrbanPromise
Julia Stori '10 and Ben Boyd '10 are campus liaisons to UrbanPromise. The organization focuses on helping underprivileged kids in an urban setting. The non-denominational Christian organization works with underprivileged, inner-city kids and teens and is based in Camden, N.J., and Wilmington, Del. "Both are pretty tough U.S. cities where poverty, drugs and violence are prevalent," Stori said. "On the spring break trips, we will be working at several locations doing maintenance work in the mornings and working the after-school programs and interacting with the kids in the afternoons." The trip costs approximately \$260, and the deadline to apply is Tuesday.

Williamsburg Service
Another team still taking applicants is based right here in Williamsburg. Long Vinh '10 and Jessica Kim '10, organizers of a Williamsburg spring break service experience, have planned a week filled with a variety of service projects including Heritage Humane Society, Housing Partnerships, Lackey



Clinic and Sentara Hospice. Not only does the Williamsburg program allow students to serve in a wide variety of projects in the community, but at \$25 it's also one of the best values of the service trips. Why so cheap? The housing is free thanks to dorms being open over break. Hypothetically, the entire campus could stay over break and do a week of service, but as Vinh pointed out, certain organizations have a limited capacity for volunteers. Vinh initiated the Williamsburg service experience last winter break. "I wanted to give people an opportunity to serve the needy in this area," Vinh said. "Service should be sustainable, long term." Nine students came back to school early, staying in the basement of the Catholic Campus Ministries building since dorms were closed. Students, like Zoya Butt '10, were able

to enjoy a variety of projects through this experience. "Housing Partnerships was my favorite because I got to go on a roof and pick the shingles off. It was fun," she said. "I also liked Grove Christian Church where we handed out food rations to families." The project offers participants exposure to types of service they can continue through the school year if interested. Vinh's philosophy for service is simple: "Do what you can with what you have. The best you can do is be in it for the long run." Those who'd rather ditch their dorm rooms for the break can adapt Vinh's philosophy to their own hometown. Plan a spring break service week and enjoy the flexibility. **Pathways in Petersburg** For those in the central Virginia area,

the College has a relationship with Pathways in Petersburg. Pathways provides a variety of community service, such as food distribution and a health clinic, but focuses mainly on helping at-risk youth. On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, OSVS sent a group of students to help renovate houses that had fallen into disrepair. Meredith Wachs '10, a participant in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day event, appreciated Petersburg's architecture but was surprised at the condition of buildings. "I was expecting the government buildings to be more hyped up — schools, etc. — and I was expecting homes to be old but not as run down [as they were]." Students were split up among several house sites — some of which were sponsored by Habitat for Humanity — with one group putting up sheetrock, and another doing demolition.

"We tore up hardwood floors and debris in crawl spaces to prepare for renovation," Wachs said. The house Wachs helped renovate was particularly run down. "The whole kitchen floor was a giant hole, but it was weird because there were still curtains up," she said. "The floor had just given way." **D.C. Central Kitchens** For students who live in northern Virginia, the College has a relationship with D.C. Central Kitchens. The organization cooks the food for some of the D.C. area's homeless outreach programs, providing other organizations with food to distribute. The chefs are ex-cons who have been taught culinary skills. The center's upstairs serves as the largest homeless

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TALES OF OBSESSION

Silver Jews singer to move on

Brian Mahoney
FLAT HAT COLUMNIST



David Berman, a Williamsburg-born singer and poet, fronted the popular lo-fi band Silver Jews until last month when he announced suddenly that he plans to move on to other projects. There are many theories as to the origin of the band's odd name. Berman is said to have named the band after his blonde Jewish friends. Another apocryphal story claims that Berman accidentally read an obstructed "Silver Jewelry" storefront as "Silver Jew."

Berman is best known for sophisticated lyrics monotonously uttered over sparse open chords, a simple bass line

and an even simpler drum beat. His lyrics contain the visual abundance of poetry while retaining the immediacy and rhythm of a simple folk song. One example is "People" from the 1998 album "American Water," where Berman joins the innocent Southern suburb to a bleaker, more risqué urban landscape: "I love to see a rainbow from a garden hose / Lit up like the blood of a centerfold / I love the city and the city rain, / Suburban kids with biblical names." What results is a playful musing on the opposing qualities of the American South that, when armed with a marching bass line, makes for great driving music. Berman himself has lived a varied past. After forming the Silver Jews and graduating from the University of Virginia in 1989, he moved to New York City with Stephen Malkmus, the future front man

of the indie rock band Pavement. The two worked as security guards for the Whitney Museum of American Art, a job that Berman says sheltered him from a dark past and inspired much of his music. During the '90s Berman released three LPs under the Jews' moniker, the most important being "American Water," which, with the help of Malkmus' matchless guitar work, established Berman as one of the more-respected but less-regarded artists in music. After releasing his third LP, "Bright Flight," in 2001, Berman sank into a depression that nearly killed him. He overdosed on crack cocaine and Xanax in 2003, rehabilitated himself, and managed to release two more excellent LPs. The last was 2008's "Lookout Mountain, Lookout Sea," an album with a fuller sound and cleaner quality than his previous recordings. By then he had married his girlfriend Cassie (the band's bassist), rediscovered his Judaism and, for the first time in his career, began to tour. Though Berman isn't the strongest guitar player or vocalist, his songs have true life as recordings that, like a poem, are delicately and self-consciously constructed. To recreate that deliberation in a live setting is difficult, to say the least. After "Lookout Mountain's" largely warm reception, it seemed that Berman was finally becoming comfortable with the Silver Jews. But all that changed Jan. 21 when Berman announced on his record label's message board — in his typically frank, but elusive prose — that he was ending the band. "I guess I am moving over to another category," Berman said. "Screenwriting or Muckraking. I've got to move on. Can't

Juicy Campus site gone rotten

Gossip forum cites poor economy as reason for shutdown

By **ALICE HAHN**
Flat Hat Executive Editor

Just five months after the College of William and Mary's campus-specific page launched, Juicy Campus has shut down. The site, which allows users to post gossip anonymously, announced its closure in a press release Wednesday, and shut down the next day. According to the press release, Juicy Campus's inability to find sufficient funding forced its closure. Between declining ad revenue and fewer venture capital options, the site was unable to keep up with what the press release called its exponential growth. They blamed the site's failure, in part, on the current economic crisis. After a big push in the fall to add hundreds of colleges and universities to its network, Juicy Campus reached over 500 schools, providing a forum for conversations without limits. From the hottest sorority to alleged rapists, no topic is off limits. "It's clear that we have provided a platform that students have found interesting, entertaining, and fun," the press release said. Besides adding campuses, Juicy Campus spent its last months introducing new technol-

ogy. Over the past few months, it launched two new features: rankings and bartender. In October, Juicy Campus's founder and CEO Matt Ivester told The Flat Hat that the company was still not profitable, but that he was excited about the site's then-upcoming features. As of Wednesday night, the only mention of the site's closing was a small box at the top of the About page that read: "Enjoy the last day of JuicyCampus ... (for more info, see our blog at JuicyCampus.blogspot.com)." Yesterday afternoon, Juicy Campus's website, juicycampus.com, was unavailable. Later, it redirected to College Anonymous Confessing Board's blog, which touts its site, CollegeACB.com as Juicy Campus's replacement, "the new standard in anonymous college posting." The blog's first post was yesterday. The College ACB site offers a similar gossip forum with a different approach to anonymous posting: Logging into the site requires a campus email address. In the Juicy Campus press release, Ivester expressed regret about shutting down the site. "I'd like to thank everyone who has engaged in meaningful discussion about online privacy and internet censorship."



COURTESY PHOTO — NYMAG.COM
David Berman performs with his indie rock band "Silver Jews" in September 2008 at the Music Hall of Williamsburg in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Rent

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

Two indie teens find romance while searching for the location of a band's clandestine concert. Released on DVD February 3



Star Sense

"I take it to extremes. It's meant to make guys think: 'I don't know if this is sexy or just weird.'"

-Lady Gaga on her unique fashion choices on stage



Read

"Love is a Mix Tape: Life and Loss, One Song at a Time"

Through decades of mix tapes, music journalist Rob Sheffield weaves his story of love, death and the strength of songs

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Solution

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

Martini mania
In the most boring news of the week, there will be a “Sex and the City” sequel. Shocking, we’re sure. Gawker reports that all four money-hungry aging hags — who spent six seasons on HBO and then reunited to squeal for another 145 minutes — have plans to ply another \$152 million plus from the hands of movie-goers the world over. Just think: That’s \$10 less to spend on cosmopolitans and Manolo Blahniks. Ohmigod, shoes. Yawn.



Nobody’s perfect
Among the seven things we hate about you? Racism. According to Reuters, photos of the teen pop sensation “making slant-eye poses” surfaced on the internet. Presumably during a G.N.O. (Girl’s Night Out), Miley and her friends — including an Asian friend — did a photoshoot in which they engaged in the offensive poses. The Disney starlet seems to be trying especially hard to break out of her cookie-cutter image. Maybe she’ll get the chance to start all over.

Who’s that girl?
Look who’s in the spotlight now: Madonna’s daughter Lourdes has been developing into quite the young lady. According to OK!, the pop icon is jealous of her daughter’s emerging beauty and has told her not to express herself. Only recently was little L finally allowed to wax her formerly Frida-esque eyebrows. Sounds like someone’s crossing the borderline, but we’re sure the little angel will live to tell. We have some advice for Madge: Mama, don’t preach.



My baby
The only thing that ebbs and flows more than Oprah’s weight is Britney Spears’s reputation. Currently on an upward trend, Brit wants to maintain that. Life & Style reports that she’s currently making arrangements with former husband Kevin Federline for the pair’s kids to visit her during her upcoming tour. A source says the pop princess is worried canceling the tour at this point would make her look unstable. Because that’s never happened before.
— by Alice Hahn

THAT GUY

One man’s trash is David Gordon’s business

By LAUREN BILLINGSLEY
Flat Hat That Guy Columnist

David Gordon walks into Lodge 1 carrying a black messenger bag and a rather intense-looking aluminum water bottle. As I look closer I notice that the bottle is printed with “B.Y.O.B” (Bring Your Own Bottle) underneath large lettering that reads “Party On, Earth.” David assures me that the comma is of utmost importance. This talkative senior from northern New Jersey declares himself very easily distracted and admits a major weak spot for both “Man vs. Wild” and Alton Brown, but he’s a hardcore studier, too. I was impressed as he began to explain some of the practical applications of his business and environmental studies majors. He spent a stint as a research assistant in Nairobi, Kenya, with the Global Environmental Governance Project. Full of surprises, David enlightens me on turning trash into treasure, experiencing funky London destinations and what it’s like to help launch your own organization at the College. That’s a pretty cool briefcase. What do you have in there?

I have gloves and a hat. My laptop, mostly to procrastinate. A book, which I plan on not reading, called “From the Farm to the Table” and it’s for my sustainable agriculture class. I’m pretty sure I have a pen and a pencil here somewhere. I have tissues, business cards for when I went to Kenya. There’s food in here too, I think. Yesterday you celebrated the first meeting of the business organization you recently helped establish on campus dealing with sustainability and social responsibility called Net Impact. What would you say is its mission statement?

It’s to prepare future leaders to react favorably to social and environmental issues in business. It’s primarily for MBA students.

What did you do this past summer?

Over the summer, I worked with this small start-up called TerraCycle in Trenton that takes trash and turns it into products, which is actually pretty cool.

What was the coolest thing the company made?

We were making so many things. We would take like old Oreo wrappers from Nabisco that they couldn’t use, and turn them into bags or lunchboxes. They were making fire logs out of old cardboard, different cleaning products, a birdfeeder made of a soda bottle. Occasionally they would be like “here’s some trash, what do you think you can you do with it?” and I’d be like “I think you can throw that out.” I was the environmental cynic there.

You mentioned you took the GRE and the GMAT this year in preparation for grad school. What’s your favorite vocab word you studied for the GRE?

I actually did block that out of my mind. My favorite word from the GREs is probably “over.”

What word do you love?

Conundrum.

What word do you hate?

“Baller.” I can’t get into it. I feel like the people who use “baller” don’t deserve to use it. I cannot think of one person on campus.

What word do you use too much?

Awesome.

A lot of people are starting to really like blogs and podcasts. Are you into any?

I’m not a big blog person yet. I do some podcasts like “This American Life,” which I’m sure every American subscribes to. I have some music podcasts just so I can pretend I’m cool and know all the new hipster music, which I always fall behind on.

What hipster music do you like right now?

There’s this new band I just heard of called Blind Pilot that I kind of like. They’re pretty

similar to The Avett Brothers, who are my favorite band. There’s another guy called Langhorne Slim who has this interesting style — all of it has this sort of folksy feel. I went on a binge of The Avett brothers, especially when I was in London.

Coffee or tea?

Coffee. Unless I’m trying to relax and get stuff done, then its tea, and green tea. I got this awesome green tea in London from this really sketchy guy. I explored a lot and used these dorky “Give yourself a tour of London” cards that would take you places you’d never go in your wildest dreams because they’re local. At one point I went to this far-out market and met this guy who mixed his own tea, this really awesome loose-leaf ginseng tea.

Did you end up anywhere else memorable?

One of the cards had me take a bus to the end of London. It’s funny, whenever I’m in cities, I always end up wanting to go to parks, so it’s like I go to a city to get out of a city. I found this awesome trail there that lead to the top of this hill and you could see all of London. Down the hill I found this cafe where Bob Dylan wrote one of his CDs. That was a cool adventure.

If you could take a trip anywhere in the United States today, where would you go?

Probably the Badlands, because they’re called the Badlands. Also because they look cool, but mostly because of the name.

If you could pick your transportation, how would you get there?

Well, it’s the Badlands so I’d have to pick something really badass. Maybe like an ostrich or something, because how do you ride an ostrich? Or I guess a bull. That would be tough. A bull in the Badlands; I would also be helping alliteration.

What would you pack?

There would be emergency supplies, of course, for when I fall off the bull. My water bottle —



CATLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT
David Gordon helped start an organization on campus devoted to environmental issues in business.

the metal one. I actually probably wouldn’t have anything because I would have watched enough “Man vs. Wild” that I would know how to make a car out of sticks and a scorpion.

As we part ways, David mentions that he’s got to run to APO campus escort duty. The prospect of whizzing around on a golf cart on a dark thirty-degree night sounds a little rough to me, but this kid is super involved and loves it that way. He bundles up, winding a grey plaid scarf around his neck and grabbing his bag and water bottle. He waves goodbye, and assures me that we’ll surely run into each other in the Daily Grind sometime soon. Today he seems like the average college student, but with his jet trail already streaming from places like Africa and Europe and his future likely including a graduate degree from a prestigious institution, it will be interesting to see where David’s life leads. Who knows, maybe he’ll be the guy who can help cure the economy and save the ice caps.

Williamsburg singer waves farewell

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be like all the careerists doncha know. I’m forty two and I know what to do. I’m a writer, see?”

In a second message posted only one hour later, Berman told readers his “gravest secret”. Worse, he said, than suicide: his father is the infamous Washington, D.C., lobbyist Richard Berman, a stalwart defender of the fast food industry (among other dubious interests) who goes by the nickname “Dr. Evil.” Dr. Evil is, in fact, very well-known in Washington and has criticized organizations as benign as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The turn toward verbal patri-cide, while perplexing, seemed to make sense when considering Ber-

man’s artwork. His life and lyrics always embraced bizarre contradic-tions, so it was no surprise that an unimposing, melancholic, devoutly religious man should be the progen-y of Dr. Evil.

“In a way I am the son of a demon come to make good the damage,” Berman wrote.

Admittedly, Berman’s farewell had a quietude that seemed to mask a larger arrogance, but he had made his point. His father, and his band, were part of a life that he was no longer living, and it was time to move on.

In a farewell befitting of their legacy, the Silver Jews played their final show last Saturday at the Cumberland Caverns in Tennessee, a unique venue set 333 feet below

the earth. What Berman will do when he emerges from his cave is anyone’s guess. But he won’t come out singing.



COURTESY PHOTO — COLUMBIASALIVE.COM
David Berman

Break for service

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shelter in D.C.

It’s never too late to do service over spring break.

“Think about what you want to do, what your major is and what skills you want to improve on, or an issue you want to learn more about,” Melody Porter, assistant director for OSVS, said.

Spring break is the perfect time to try new experiences, and the service opportunities are endless.

Vinh advises students to “explore new things — your passions. If you could change one thing in society, what would it be? Go from there.”

Spring Break Service Options			
Williamsburg Housing Partnerships Brandie Weiler (757) 221-0226		Lackey Clinic Kim Spencer (757) 969-5213	
Grove Christian Outreach Center Deena Wallis (757) 887-1100		D.C. Area Greater DC Cares (202) 777-4447 dc-cares.org	
Heritage Humane Society Ruthann McDermott (757) 208-0382		DC Central Kitchen (202) 234-0707 dccentralkitchen.org	
Head Start Carols Justis (757) 229-6417		Central VA Hands On Greater Richmond (804) 330-7400 ext. 129 handsongr.org	
Sentara Hospice Beth Riehle-Biscan (757) 879-1918		Pathways (804) 862-1104 Pathways-va.org	
Food Bank Treva Burgess (757) 869-7975			

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

James Madison hands
Tribe sixth conference loss

The College of William and Mary (11-10, 4-6 CAA) fell 73-57 to James Madison University (15-6, 8-2 CAA) Thursday night in Harrisonburg, Va. The Dukes grabbed control late in the first half, taking a 12-point lead into halftime. Tribe junior forward Tiffany Benson scored 18 points and pulled down 11 rebounds, but missed 2 of her 16 free throws. Freshman guard Taysha Pye added a career-high 18 points.

VOLLEYBALL

College signs five players
in Shelton's first class

Tuesday afternoon, the College of William and Mary announced that five athletes have signed on to play volleyball in Head Coach Melissa Aldrich Shelton's first recruiting class. The squad added a setter, a hitter, a blocker and two liberos. Delaney Gorgon, Gina Lang, Jordyn Moloney, Shaylin O'Connell and Gabriella Smith will join the team that is losing five seniors from last year's 19-9 squad. O'Connell arrives as the Tribe's tallest player, measuring at 6'2".

LACROSSE

College defeats Wales
National Team convincingly

In a 21-4 blowout, the College of William and Mary trounced the Wales National team Wednesday night on Busch Field. Sophomore attacker Ashley Holofcener led the Tribe with four goals. Senior Clare Dennis and sophomore Maggie Anderson tallied three goals each for the College, which begins its official season Feb. 18 when Longwood University visits Williamsburg. The Tribe controlled a 12-3 advantage at the half in a match where eight different College athletes registered at least one point.

— By Chris Weidman

SCHEDULE

Sat., Feb. 7

MEN'S TENNIS

@ Wake Forest — Winston-Salem, N.C. — 11:30 a.m.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

EAST CAROLINA — 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

@ Penn State — State College, Penn. — 7 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 8

WOMEN'S TENNIS

WISCONSIN — 11 a.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

@ Georgia — Athens, Ga. — 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

@ Drexel — Philadelphia, Penn. — 1 p.m.

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

STATE OPEN — 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Shoes to fill



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT

The Tribe signed 10 players for its first full recruiting class since the dedication of the Jimmie Laycock Football Center.

Ten players sign with Tribe, round out Laycock's 'solid class'

By MATT POMS

Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

On Wednesday, the College of William and Mary football program signed 10 high school seniors to National Letters of Intent, including four Rivals.com two-star recruits.

"I have no way of predicting how well they'll adjust, but I think we've got a good, solid class," Head Coach Jimmie Laycock said. "We'll see how things shape up this spring; ideally, we'd like to redshirt everybody."

The class is headlined by Somers Point, N.J. quarterback Brent Caprio and a pair of linemen, Matt Crisafi of Marietta, Ga., and Bryan Stinnie of Troy, Va..

"[Caprio] is from a real good team and has played real well," Laycock said. "You always look to bring in a quarterback and see how well he will make the transition from high school to college, and he was good in high school, so we'll see."

Caprio is a dual-threat quarterback like University of Florida passer Tim Tebow, and will join an already deep Tribe quarterback corps headlined by junior R.J. Archer.

Meanwhile, Crisafi and Stinnie will provide depth along the offensive and defensive lines after their likely redshirt seasons. Stinnie in particular was a highly prized recruit who committed to the College over a scholarship offer from Duke University.

"We did look at making sure we covered our bases with linemen [this winter]," Laycock said. "At our level, you go out and recruit good solid players who you can develop to be really good players."

Perhaps the recruit with the greatest upside is St. Anne's Belfield School senior Quincey September, a native of South Africa. Standing 6' 4" tall and weighing 200 pounds, the versatile September has only been playing football for a few years and could end up playing any number of positions for the Tribe — from wideout to defensive back to linebacker.

"Where he'll play, I don't know, but he's very interesting and a very good athlete," Laycock said. "That's one where we're not looking at him immediately playing next year. He's a very bright young man who wanted to get the best education he could."

In addition to the 10 players who signed on Wednesday, Laycock and his staff will look to add 12 to 14 invited walk-ons who will enroll in the fall, eventually competing for scholarships. The College's invited walk-on program has yielded standout players in past years, such as all-conference quarterback Lang Campbell '04 and standout tight end Drew Atchison '08, who briefly signed with the Dallas Cowboys last summer.

"We've got a real good group of them right now who we're working on," Laycock said. "They know here [that] if they come, they have an opportunity to earn a scholarship."

Tribe's 2009 signing class

Paul Amakihe, LB, 6'3," 200 lbs.

Brent Caprio, QB, 6'1," 190 lbs.

Jerome Couplin II, WR, 6'2," 190 lbs.

Matt Crisafi, OL, 6'4," 300 lbs. *

Jason Faipler, OL, 6'3," 275 lbs.

Takao "T.K." Hester, DB, 5'10," 180 lbs. *

Samuel Johnson II, DE, 6'2," 240 lbs. *

Quincey September, ATH, 6'4," 200 lbs.

Trevor Springman, OL, 6'4," 285 lbs.

Bryan Stinnie, DE, 6'4," 235 lbs. *

* Rivals.com two-star recruit

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tribe halts
losing skidLast-place College upsets
conference-leading Huskies

By ANDREW PIKE

Flat Hat Sports Editor

TRIBE 68, NORTHEASTERN 63

The College of William and Mary ended its seven game losing streak — and did so in stunning fashion.

Behind a career-high 19 points from freshman forward Quinn McDowell, who sparked his team out of the gate and iced the game for the Tribe at the free throw line in the game's closing seconds, the College (7-15, 2-10 CAA) upset conference-leading Northeastern University (15-7, CAA 10-2) 68-63 Wednesday night at Kaplan Arena.

"I think we came out with a different intensity," junior guard David Schneider, who had 18 points, said. "To beat a team like this at home, I think that really helps our confidence. We've had a lot of tough losses."

The Tribe reversed recent poor shooting and defensive efforts against Northeastern, shooting 47.8 percent, committing only 11 turnovers and holding its opponents to 39.6 percent shooting — the third-best Tribe defensive performance in conference play.

"We're concentrating on the little things in the game and not focusing so much on the result," Head Coach Tony Shaver said. "Sometimes in the sporting world you focus on the end result, and you lose yourself a little bit."

That concentration paid off during the Tribe's 28-9 run which stretched through halftime and spanned almost 13 minutes, bringing the team from down six to up 46-33 with 11:58 remaining.

Junior forward Danny Sumner sparked the run with a full-extension dunk worthy of the highlight reel at the 4:57 mark in the first half, while McDowell put the finishing touches on the spurt when he hit two free throws.

"When you make shots, you're a lot better team," McDowell said. "At times previously in the season, we'd either be [at] one of two extremes: Either jacking up shots or being so passive you can't make plays."

Over the next five minutes, the Huskies' 17-7 run cut the Tribe's lead to 53-50. Unlike recent games when the College folded under pressure, the team answered back and clamped down defensively, holding Northeastern to just two points during a 5:42 span.

"I thought we were forced into way too many threes this evening," Northeastern Head Coach Bill Coen said. "Twenty-six [threes] is a lot for us. We're not a three-point shooting team like that. You have to give credit to their defense for limiting our touches around the basket."

Northeastern fouled down the stretch and trimmed the Tribe's lead down to 3 on three different occasions, but the College hit 11 of 17 free throws to seal its first win since Jan. 7.

"Momentum is only as good as your effort," Shaver said. "If we don't play hard the next game, that momentum won't be with us."

McDowell and sophomore forward Marcus Kitts (six points, six rebounds), whose emphatic jam electrified the crowd, jumpstarted the Tribe's strong play.

McDowell's reverse layup as time ran out gave the College a 28-26 lead entering halftime — its first lead at the break since Jan. 21 against Hofstra University.



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Sophomore forward Marcus Kitts

MEN'S TENNIS PREVIEW 2009

Holding serve

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"You've got to have a tight team in order to succeed," College of William and Mary Head Coach Peter Daub said after his team's early season loss to then no. 30 University of Notre Dame. "Today it boiled down to talent."

That's not to say this year's squad is devoid of talent. Junior team captain Keziel Juneau, the College's top singles player, leads the 61st-ranked Tribe. Two seniors, Marwan Ramadan and Dominic Pagon, add experience to the team.

Daub, in his 15th year as head coach, realizes the need to keep his lineup fluid as the season progresses.

"It all depends on how the personalities relate and how the returns stack up," Daub said.

Juneau's most frequent doubles partner is sophomore Sebastian Vidal, who teams up with Juneau on the nation's 52nd-ranked dou-

bles pair. Vidal is also making strides as a singles player. Junior Richard Wardell and Finnish freshman Ilja Orre round out the Tribe's lineup, which combines youth and experience.

The team's camaraderie has translated into successful play against similarly ranked opponents this season.

Last weekend's triumphs over no. 65 Brigham Young University and no. 63 Clemson University earned them the Tribe National Indoor Invitational title.

But this weekend's visits to no. 21 Wake Forest University and third-ranked University of Georgia will measure just how much talent is within that tight nucleus of players.



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Junior Keziel Juneau

WOMEN'S TENNIS PREVIEW 2009

Tribe returns to courts

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After winning its 20th CAA title in 24 years last spring, this season's expectations and goals remain the same for the no. 24 College of William and Mary (1-2) women's tennis program.

"[Our goal is] to win the CAAs for sure and to win our NCAA regional so that we are in the Sweet 16 in May," first-year Head Coach Meredith Geiger-Walton said. "I feel strongly that both [senior Katarina Zoricic] and [junior] Ragini [Acharya] can make it to NAAs in singles and in doubles."

While lofty expectations surround this squad, the College enters the season without a vital piece of last season's success in the form of Megan Moulton-Levy '08. The recent graduate collected four CAA Player of the Year awards, six All-American nods, two Arthur Ashe honors and heads the Tribe's all-time list of

achievements in multiple categories. Yet this year's leaders know there is no time to look back.

"A person of Megan's level and just her energy and how much she brings, it is hard to fill those shoes," Acharya said. "We are not trying so much to fill them, as develop our own. We have to move forward. And if that means developing a different type of Tribe energy, that's what it means."

The team turns to no. 95 Zoricic to take over the top singles spot while no. 79 Acharya and senior Klaudyna Kasztelaniec round out the top three. The Tribe adds freshmen Katie Kargl and Maria Morrissey, to a team returning six of its top seven players.

The College will be without junior Lauren Sabacinski due to injury, leaving the team with only seven members and a serious lack of depth.

"I think there is no doubt this team is going to pull together despite [only] having seven players," Geiger-Walton said. "I think they will strive to improve that number 22 standing (as of Jan. 26) and stay within the top 20 in the country."